Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Thelma Drake
Agency Director

FROM: Kevin Page
Chief of Rail Transportation

DATE: March 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Monthly Amtrak Performance Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly performance report for Amtrak service in Virginia, summarizing January 2010 performance data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with Amtrak to refine data and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on January 2010 results and a year-over-year comparison of trends for January 2010 and January 2009.

Key Facts

- Statewide year over year comparisons:
  - Virginia statewide Amtrak ridership for January 2010 increased nine percent as compared to January 2009, to 83,443.
  - Statewide on-time performance for all Amtrak trains in Virginia decreased 7.9 percent to 61.2 percent in January 2010 as compared to January 2009.
  - The Northern Virginia district accounts for the majority of Amtrak ridership at 38.8 percent, and the district with the greatest increase in ridership for January 2010 as compared to January 2009 is the Lynchburg district at 105 percent or 1,924 additional passengers.
  - January 2010 included the same number of weekdays and one additional weekend day as compared to January 2009.
  - A new Amtrak stop for the Lynchburg to the Northeast Corridor route was added in January 2010 at Burke Centre in Fairfax County.

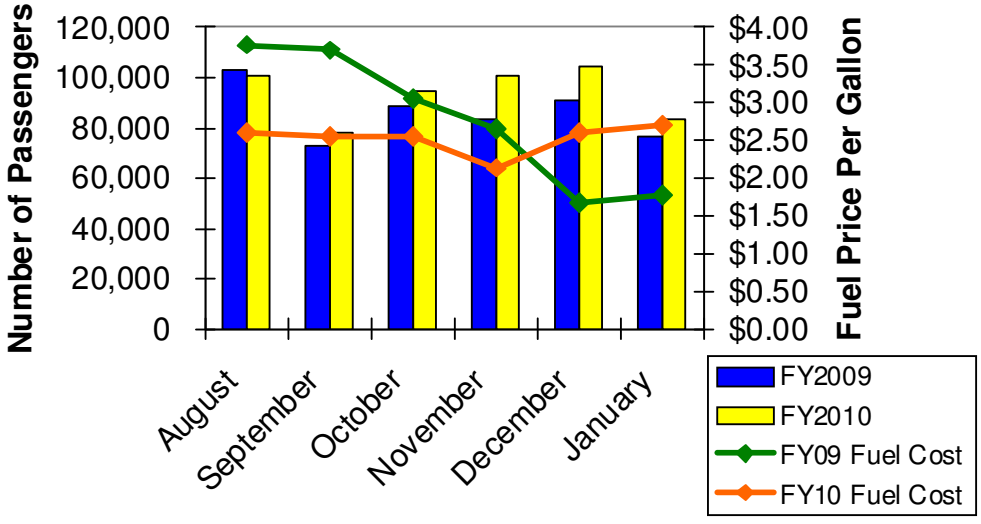
- Statewide station comparisons:
  - Top five Virginia stations by total number of passengers in January 2009:
    1. Lorton 20,230
    2. Staples Mill 18,341
    3. Alexandria 9,571
    4. Newport News 9,242
    5. Charlottesville 7,254

  - Top five Virginia stations by percentage of passenger growth in January 2010 as compared to January 2009:
    1. Lynchburg 123%

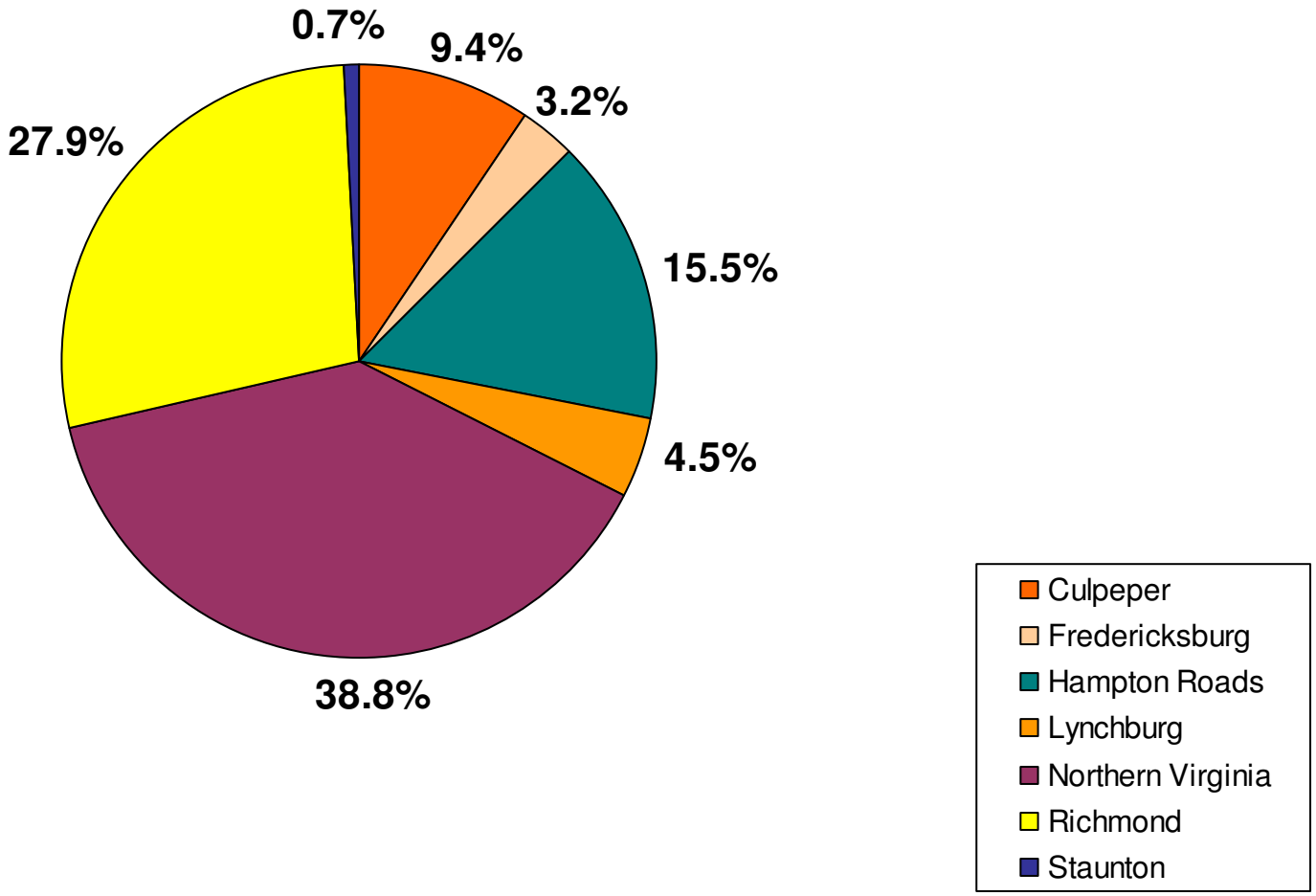
2. Culpeper 98%
3. Charlottesville 77%
4. Manassas 57%
5. Danville 31%

- Virginia-sponsored Amtrak service:
  - Lynchburg route service began October 1, 2009
  - Total Lynchburg route ridership credited to Virginia in January 2010 was 7,768, exceeding the monthly target of 4,340 by 78 percent.
  - Total Lynchburg route revenue credited to Virginia in January 2010 was $383,672.87 exceeding the monthly target of $219,139 by 75 percent.
  - On-time performance for the Lynchburg route of 90.7 percent exceeded the statewide average of 61.2 percent in January 2010.
  - Similar to transit ridership patterns, Amtrak ridership in Virginia fluctuates seasonally and as these monthly ridership reports are developed, seasonal trends will be tracked.
  - Top five bi-directional city pairs for the new Lynchburg route in January 2010:
    1. Charlottesville—Washington, D.C. 1,327
    2. Charlottesville—New York 1,260
    3. Lynchburg—Washington, D.C. 843
    4. Lynchburg—New York 640
    5. Charlottesville—Philadelphia 276

FY2010 Amtrak Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

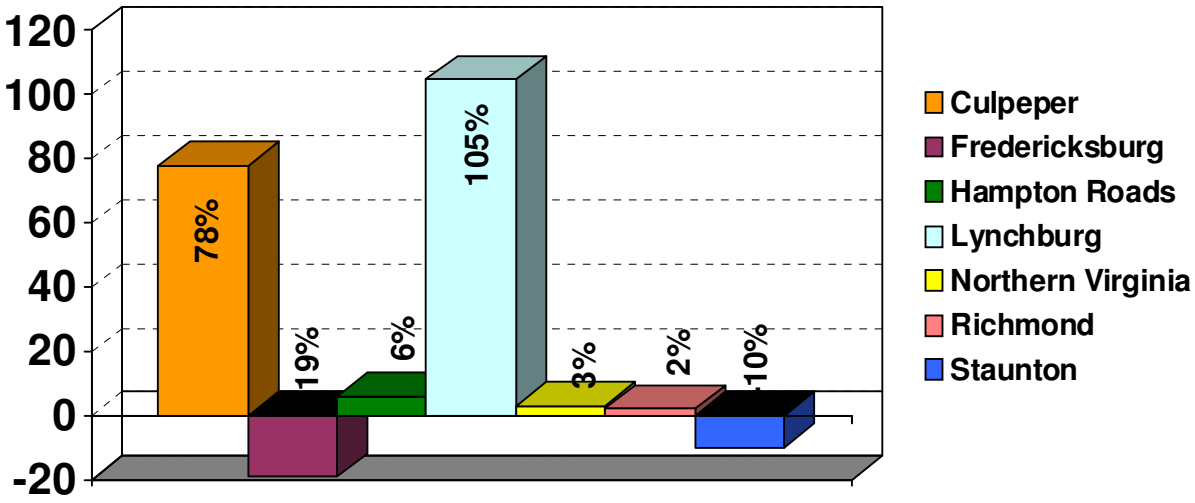


January 2010 Amtrak Ridership by District



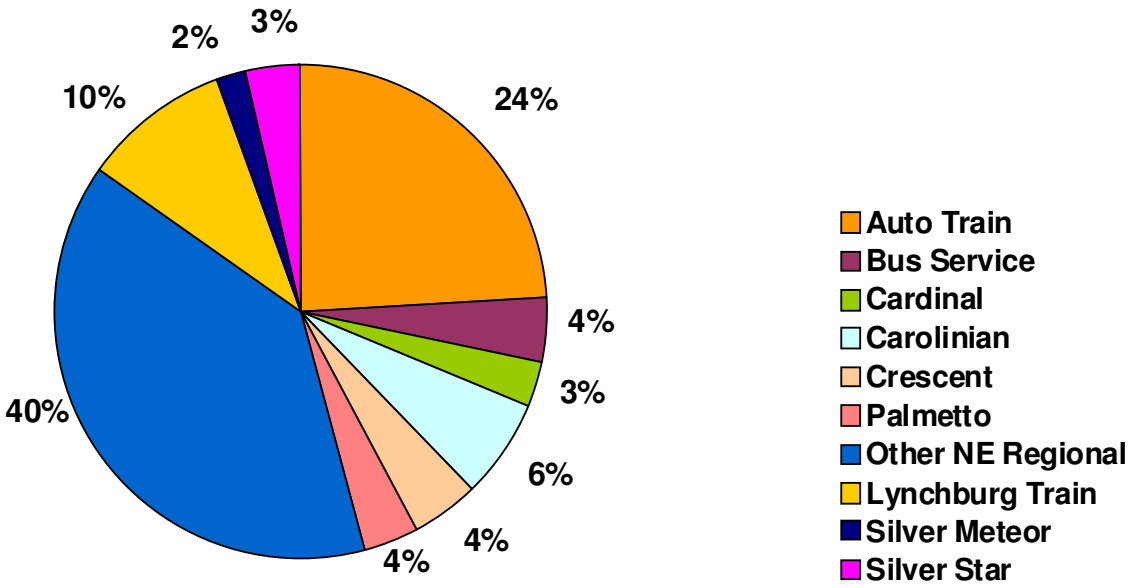
The Salem and Bristol districts are excluded because they currently do not have Amtrak service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Percentage Ridership Change By District
January 2009 vs. January 2010



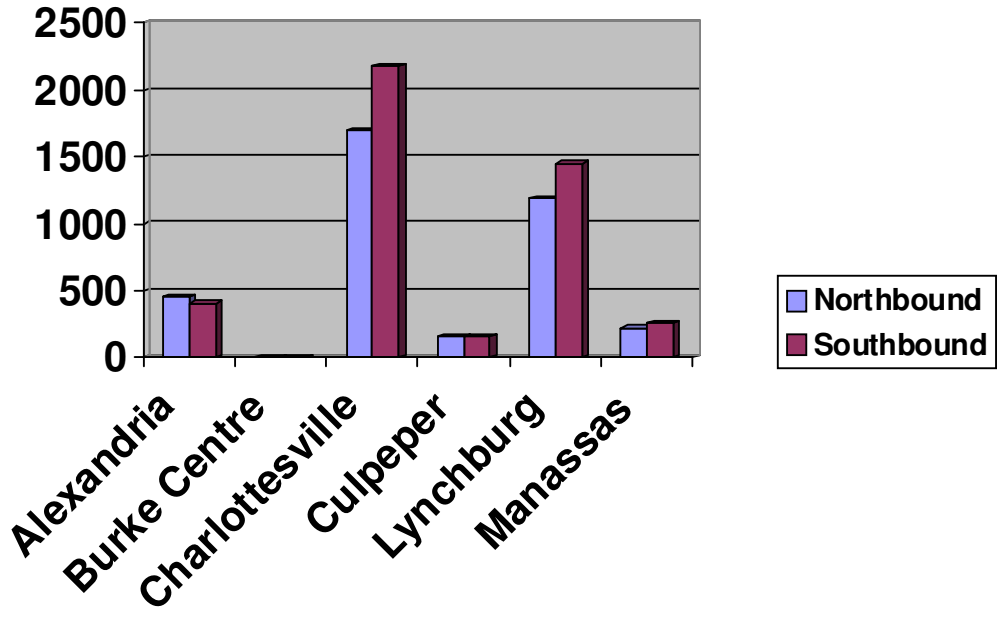
Statewide Amtrak ridership increased 9 percent

January 2010 Statewide Amtrak Ridership
By Service

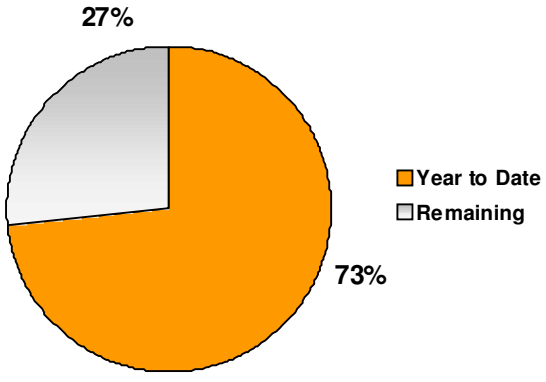


Total I-95 corridor: 83%, Total I-81/Route 29 corridor: 17%

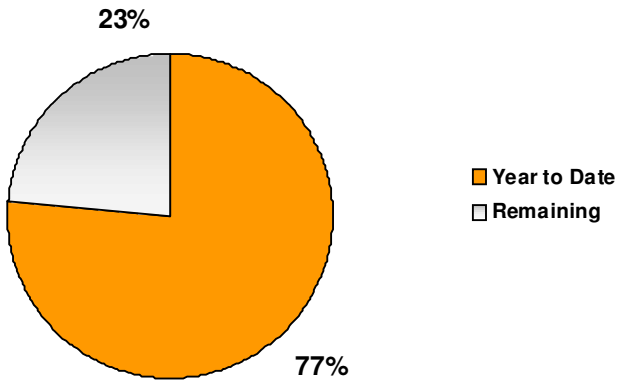
January 2010 Ridership Direction
New Lynchburg Service



New Lynchburg Route
Progress Toward Annual Goals
January 2010



Ridership
Year to date: 37,468
Annual goal: 51,000



Revenue
Year to date: $ 1,974,000.44
Annual goal: $2,580,000

January 2010 Amtrak Virginia Performance Report

Transportation District	Total Passengers January 2010	Total Passengers January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville (CVS)	7,254	4,106	77%	44,693	34,432	30%
Culpeper (CLP)	549	277	98%	3,986	2,964	34%
Culpeper District Total	**7,803**	**4,383**	**78%**	**48,679**	**37,396**	**30%**
Fredericksburg District						
Fredericksburg (FGB)	2,641	3,252	-19%	26,077	24,978	4%
Fredericksburg District Total	**2,641**	**3,252**	**-19%**	**26,077**	**24,978**	**4%**
Hampton Roads District						
Newport News (NPN)	9,242	8,463	9%	82,001	81,572	1%
Norfolk Bus Stop (NFK)	858	739	16%	7,281	6,890	6%
Virginia Beach Bus Stop (VAB)	421	360	17%	4,901	5,111	-4%
Williamsburg (WBG)	2,414	2,638	-8%	29,190	30,012	-3%
Hampton Roads District Total	**12,935**	**12,200**	**6%**	**123,373**	**123,585**	**0%**
Lynchburg District						
Danville (DAN)	476	364	31%	5,457	3,549	54%
Lynchburg (LYH)	3,286	1,474	123%	21,495	13,885	55%
Lynchburg District Total	**3,762**	**1,838**	**105%**	**26,952**	**17,434**	**55%**
Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria (ALX)	9,571	9,842	-3%	76,946	72,069	7%
Burke Centre (BCV)[1]	8	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	n/a
Franconia-Springfield (FRS)	178	184	-3%	1,588	1,736	-9%
Lorton (LOR)	20,230	19,208	5%	140,268	133,148	5%
Manassas (MSS)	1,005	639	57%	6,763	5,399	25%
Quantico (QAN)	1,032	977	6%	9,363	8,978	4%
Woodbridge (WDB)	379	512	-26%	3,965	4,053	-2%
Northern Virginia District Total	**32,403**	**31,362**	**3%**	**238,901**	**225,383**	**6%**
Richmond District						
Ashland (ASD)	1,315	1,143	15%	10,891	9,876	10%
Main Street (RVM)	1,815	1,776	2%	15,822	14,661	8%
Petersburg (PTB)	1,819	1,538	18%	13,576	12,229	11%
Staples Mill (RVR)	18,341	18,293	0%	152,113	151,560	0%
Richmond District Total	**23,290**	**22,750**	**2%**	**192,402**	**188,326**	**2%**

Transportation District	Total Passengers January 2010	Total Passengers January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Staunton District						
Clifton Forge (CLF)	176	243	-28%	2,164	2,543	-15%
Staunton (STA)	433	434	0%	3,504	3,542	-1%
Staunton District Total	**609**	**677**	**-10%**	**5,668**	**6,085**	**-7%**
TOTAL STATEWIDE PASSENGERS	**83,443**	**76,462**	**9%**	**662,052**	**623,187**	**6%**

Ridership By Service[2]	Total Passengers January 2010	Total Passengers January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Auto Train	20,230	19,208	5%	140,268	133,148	5%
Bus Service	3,488	2,926	19%	29,311	30,146	-3%
Cardinal	2,528	2,387	6%	19,800	20,816	-5%
Carolinian	5,342	5,258	2%	40,704	39,629	3%
Crescent	3,544	5,590	-37%	34,001	47,842	-29%
New Lynchburg Service[3]	8,201	n/a	n/a	39,678	n/a	n/a
Other Northeast Regional	32,235	33,713	-4%	299,492	297,875	1%
Palmetto	3,227	3,424	-6%	24,150	21,285	13%
Silver Meteor	1,749	1,496	17%	13,476	13,143	3%
Silver Star	2,899	2,310	25%	19,587	19,026	3%
TOTAL RIDERSHIP BY SERVICE	**83,443**	**76,312**	**9%**	**660,467**	**622,910**	**6%**

On-Time Performance[4]	January 2010	January 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - January 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - January 2009)	Percent Change
Statewide	61.2%	66.5%	-8.0%	60.4%	55.3%	9%
New Lynchburg Service	90.7%	n/a	n/a	81.2%	n/a	n/a

[1]A new Amtrak stop was added in January 2010 at Burke Centre in Fairfax County.

[2]By service data does not account for other Amtrak trains operated in addition to regularly scheduled Virginia service.

[3]Passenger data does not directly correspond to Virginia ridership credit on state-sponsored trains.

[4]Statewide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance is calculated as an average of the year-to-date data. On-time performance for the new Lynchburg service is available from the month the service started (October 2009) and forward.